AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said rounded region is positioned in a level lower than a surface level of said first region.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said TCP further has a semiconductor driver element connecting region and said third region is constructed with a plurality of lead lines covered by a flexible insulating film thinner than an insulating film in the vicinity of said semiconductor driver element connecting region.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said display panel is loosely fitted on said chassis such that a relative mechanical displacement of said display panel to said chassis is absorbed in said third region.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A flat panel display device ~~as claimed in claim 1,~~ comprising:

a chassis;

a display panel put on a main surface of said chassis;

a circuit substrate held in a hook portion provided on a side surface of said chassis; and

a plurality of TCP's having one ends connected to said display panel and the other ends connected to said circuit substrate, each said TCP having a first region extending substantially in parallel to a main surface of said chassis, a second region extending substantially in parallel to said side surface of said chassis, a rounded region between said first region and said second region and a third region provided in at least one of said first and second regions and extending in parallel to the extending direction of said rounded region, said third region having .a higher

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flexibility than that of said at least one of said first and second regions, wherein said third region is provided in said second region between said circuit substrate and said rounded region.

Claim 7 (currently amended) A flat panel display device ~~as claimed in claim 1,~~ comprising:

a chassis;

a display panel put on a main surface of said chassis;

a circuit substrate held in a hook portion provided on a side surface of said chassis; and

a plurality of TCP's having one ends connected to said display panel and the other ends connected to said circuit substrate, each said TCP having a first region extending substantially in parallel to a main surface of said chassis, a second region extending substantially in parallel to said side surface of said chassis, a rounded region between said first region and said second region and a third region provided in at least one of said first and second regions and extending in parallel to the extending direction of said rounded region, said third region having .a higher flexibility than that of said at least one of said first and second regions, wherein said third region is provided in said first region and connected to said rounded region.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein a distance between a center of said rounded region and a center of said third region provided in said first region is larger than a depth of said hook portion.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said display panel is a liquid crystal panel, said TCP is constructed with a plurality of lead lines covered by an insulating flexible film and said first and second regions of said TCP take in the form of slits extending in vertical directions to the extending direction of said TCP from said liquid crystal panel to said circuit substrate, respectively, said slits being constructed with the

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plurality of said lead lines covered by an insulating flexible coating member thinner than said insulating flexible film constituting said TCP.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein a plurality of said TCP's are connected to said circuit substrate and said circuit substrate is held by the plurality of said hook portions provided on said side surface of said chassis.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said semiconductor driver elements provided in said TCP's are arranged on inner surface sides of said rounded regions of said TCP's such that said semiconductor driver elements are positioned in recesses provided in said circuit substrate.

Claim 12-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a flat panel display device, ~~as claimed in claim 12,~~ comprising the steps of:

holding a display panel having TCP's connected to a circuit substrate on a chassis;

pulling up said circuit substrate by bending each said TCP at a rounded portion slit and an auxiliary slit provided in said TCP such that a lower end of said circuit substrate exceeds a front edge of hook portion provided on said chassis; and

inserting said circuit substrate into said hook portion by returning said auxiliary slit to an original flat state, wherein said auxiliary slit is provided between said rounded portion slit and said display panel and is connected to said rounded portion slit to form a wide common slit and wherein a bending direction of said common slit in the vicinity of said circuit substrate in the step of pulling up said circuit substrate is opposite to a bending direction of said rounded portion slit in the vicinity of said display panel.

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Claim 16 (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a flat panel display device, as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 15, wherein said display panel is loosely fitted on said chassis.

Claim 17 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said rounded region is positioned in a level lower than a surface level of said first region.

Claim 18 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said TCP further has a semiconductor driver element connecting region and said third region is constructed with a plurality of lead lines covered by a flexible insulating film thinner than an insulating film in the vicinity of said semiconductor driver element connecting region.

Claim 19 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said display panel is loosely fitted on said chassis such that a relative mechanical displacement of said display panel to said chassis is absorbed in said third region.

Claim 20 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein a distance between a center of said rounded region and a center of said third region provided in said first region is larger than a depth of said hook portion.

Claim 21 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said display panel is a liquid crystal panel, said TCP is constructed with a plurality of lead lines covered by an insulating flexible film and said first and second regions of said TCP take in the form of slits extending in vertical directions to the extending direction of said TCP from said liquid crystal panel to said circuit substrate, respectively, said slits being constructed with the plurality of said lead lines covered by an insulating flexible coating member thinner than said insulating flexible film constituting said TCP.

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Claim 22 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein a plurality of said TCP's are connected to said circuit substrate and said circuit substrate is held by the plurality of said hook portions provided on said side surface of said chassis.

Claim 23 (new) A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said semiconductor driver elements provided in said TCP's are arranged on inner surface sides of said rounded regions of said TCP's such that said semiconductor driver elements are positioned in recesses provided in said circuit substrate.

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